Explanation of the Proposed Ward Boundary Adjustment 3/17/22

Overview

The Berryville Charter provides for a Town Council composed of a mayor, recorder (vice-mayor), and four council members. While the mayor and recorder may reside anywhere in Town, council members are required to reside within the boundaries of the Town's four election wards (one residing in each district).

The population of each of the election wards is to be balanced with not more than a 5% difference in the number of people residing therein.

On January 20, 2022 the Town received census block information from the 2020 Census. The Census revealed that ward populations are no longer equally balanced.

Ward boundaries must be adjusted using the information from the 2020 Census prior to the November 2022 Town elections. This change is considered a "covered practice" and therefore must be reviewed in accordance with the provisions of §24.2-129 of the Virginia Code.

Amendment to Ward Boundaries Approved on March 14, 2022

Changes to ward boundaries

Ward 1

Ward 1 was altered by moving two census blocks (with 21 and 83 people) from Ward 2 to Ward 1.

This change resulted in a reduction of the population of Ward 2 of 104 people. The population of Ward 1 increased by 104 people.

The new population count for proposed Ward 1 is 1,156.

Ward 2

Ward 2 was altered by moving:

- two census blocks (with 21 and 83 people) from Ward 2 to Ward 1. (This
 resulted in a reduction of the population of Ward 2 of 104 people. The
 population of Ward 1increased by 104 people), and
- four census blocks (with 17 people, 26 people, 37 people, and 25 people)
 from Ward 2 to Ward 3 (This resulted in the reduction of the population of Ward 2 by 105 people. The population of Ward 3 increased by 105 people).

The new population count for proposed Ward 2 is 1,160.

Ward 3

Ward 3 was altered by moving four census blocks (with 17 people, 26 people, 37 people, and 25 people) from Ward 2 to Ward 3 (This resulted in the reduction of the population of Ward 2 by 105 people. The population of Ward 3 increased 105 people).

The new population count for proposed Ward 3 is 1,138.

Ward 4

No changes were made to the boundaries of Ward 4.

The population count for Ward 4 is 1,130.

Previous Ward Population	Newly Approved Ward Population (permissible range 1,174 to 1,118)
Ward 1 – 1052 Ward 2 – 1369 Ward 3 – 1033 Ward 4 – 1130	Ward 1 – 1,156 Ward 2 – 1,160 Ward 3 – 1,138 Ward 4 – 1,130
Total – 4,584	Total – 4,584

Ward Boundary Adjustment Review Schedule

The following schedule was presented to the Town Council on February 8, 2022.

Town Manager introduces the matter to the Town Council. February 8

Notice of public hearing and proposed changes published.

Website: February 9

Newspaper: February 22 & March 1

Town Council's public hearing. March 8

Last day that public comment will be accepted. March 11

Town Council holds a special meeting to approve March 14 finalized ward boundaries.

Notice of approved ward boundaries published.

Website: March 17

New ward boundaries become effective. April 13

TOWN OF BERRYVILLE WARD BOUNDARY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BOUNDARIES FOR THE DIVISION OF THE TOWN OF BERRYVILLE INTO FOUR WARDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1.3 OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Berryville, Chapter 1, Section 1.3, provides that the Town of Berryville shall be divided into four Wards, and further, that the boundaries of such wards shall be established by the Town Council by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Berryville, Chapter 3, Section 3.1 provides, in pertinent part, that the Mayor and Recorder shall be elected from the Town at large, and further that the four Council members shall reside one in each ward of the Town, but shall be elected at large by all of the qualified voters of the Town; however, the Virginia Assembly has determined that only qualified voters living within a ward may elect the Council member from each respective ward; and

WHEREAS, federal and/or state constitutional requirements and legislation require that the ward boundaries effect an even distribution of population within a permitted deviation of plus or minus five percent of such population within each such ward; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Berryville finds it necessary to revise the boundaries of the four wards because of the population data received as a result of the 2020 U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ward boundaries would effect an even distribution of population within a permitted deviation of plus or minus five percent of such population within each such ward;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Town of Berryville, that the boundaries of the four Wards of the Town of Berryville shall be, and hereby are established, as set forth herein following and as set forth on the map of the Town of Berryville attached hereto (Exhibit A):

WARD ONE (1): All that property contained herein: beginning at the northeastern corner of the corporate limits and extending southward along the corporate limits to Business Route 7 (Main Street) then extending west along the northern side of Main Street to the corporate limits along Main Street at the rear property lines of lots along the east side of Blue Ridge Street then crossing to the southern side of Main Street then extending west along Main Street to First Street then extending north along First Street to Cameron Street then extending west along Cameron Street to Second Street then extending south along Second

Street to Liberty Street then extending west along Liberty Street to Church Street then extending north along Church Street to Bundy Street then extending west along Bundy Street to U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) then extending north along U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) to Bypass Route 7 following the corporate limits along a generally easterly direction to close the loop at the northeastern corporate limits.

WARD TWO (2): All that property contained herein: beginning at the corporate boundary at the southeast corner extending generally in a westerly direction to follow the corporate limits to U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) then extending north along U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) to Taylor Street then extending east along Taylor Street to Church Street then extending north along Church Street to Liberty Street then extending east along Liberty Street to Second Street then extending north along Second Street to Cameron Street then extending east along Cameron Street to First Street then extending south along First Street to Business Route 7 (Main Street) then extending east along Business Route 7 (Main Street) to the corporate limits then extending generally in a southerly direction along the corporate boundaries to close the loop at the southeastern corporate limits.

WARD THREE (3): All that property contained herein: beginning at the southwestern corner of the corporate limits and extending generally in a northerly direction along the corporate limits to Business Route 7 (Main Street) then extending east along Business Route 7 (Main Street) to Dorsey Street then extending north along Dorsey Street to Treadwell Street then extending east along Treadwell Street to Smith Street then extending south along Smith Street to Academy Street then extending east along Academy Street to U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) then extending south along U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) to Academy Street then extending east along Academy Street to Church Street then extending south along Church Street to Taylor Street then extending west along Taylor Street to U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) then extending south to the corporate boundary on the west side of U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) then extending west along the corporate limits to close the loop with the southwestern corner of the corporate limits.

WARD FOUR (4): All that property contained herein: beginning at the northwestern corner of the corporate limits and extending generally in an easterly direction along the corporate limits parallel with Bypass Route 7 to U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) then extending south along U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) to Bundy Street then extending east along Bundy Street to Church Street then extending south along Church Street to Academy Street then extending west along Academy Street to U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) then extending north along U.S. 340 (Buckmarsh Street) to Academy Street then extending west along

Academy Street to Smith Street then extending north along Smith Street to Treadwell Street then extending west along Treadwell Street to Dorsey Street then extending south along Dorsey Street to Business Route 7 (Main Street) then extending west along Business Route 7 (Main Street) to the corporate limits then closing the loop by extending generally in a northerly direction along the corporate limits to the northwestern corner of the corporate limits.

APPROVED:	
Harry Lee Arnold, Jr., Mayor	DATE:
ATTEST:	
Frecka I Gibson Recorder	DATE:



